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Title : ELECTRICALLY DRIVEN POWER STEERING APPARATUS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTW/a

Dear Sir:

Prior to consideration of the above application, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. Marked-up versions of the amended claims are attached.

~~8. (Amended) An electrically driven power steering apparatus according to any one of claims 1 through 6, wherein said displacement limiter limits the predetermined or larger quantity of deformation of said elastic member at 40% or smaller of a maximum steering force exhibited by said motor.~~

~~9. (Amended) An electrically driven power steering apparatus according to any one of claims 1 through 6, wherein a natural oscillation frequency of a system constructed of said rotor, said ball screw nut and said elastic member is set to 7 Hz or higher.~~